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11 a.m. - Auction of a very Fine Collection  
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February 6, 1904.

## DEATH.

At 5 Dublin Road, Singapore, the be-  
loved son of Mr and Mrs E. M. NATHAN,  
on Sunday night, 24th January; aged 33  
months.The publication of this issue commenced  
at 5.00 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6, 1904.

If any doubt remained in the minds of those who have watched political developments in the Far East during the past six months that Great Britain intended to support the Japanese demands for Russia's evacuation of Manchuria, we think that doubt will now be dissipated. While the general trend of British policy has been directed to the preservation of peace, it is difficult to believe that the Japanese would have been so uncooperative in their demands had they not been assured of British support in the event of Russia's refusal to recognise the integrity of Korea and to fulfil her pledge to evacuate Manchuria. Japanese statesmen have reason to thank Great Britain for her demonstrations in other parts of Asia, and one can see in the purchase of the new Chilean battleships by Great Britain only a desire to help her ally at a critical period of the negotiations; and as the Muscovite still protracts the negotiations while strengthening her naval and military forces, and shows no disposition to accept Japan's dictated terms, it is, we think, only a fair presumption that Japan will not be left alone to fight for the restitution of Chinese territory and the independence of Korea. The forward state of the China squadron and the activity in local military circles both point to the conclusion that British support of Japan is not to be merely platonic. Japan and Russia are now within measurable distance of a declaration of war. It may be taken as almost a certainty that Great Britain will be involved in the struggle.

On Thursday last, we reproduced from various sources the opinions of several leading Continental journals, and of practised observers of the world's politics. These expressions of opinion coincided with those of the *Times*, the *Standard*, and other leading English newspapers. Summarised, these views were, in the first place, that Japan must be maintained as a first-class Power in order to preserve the balance of power in the Far East; secondly, that her status as a first-rate Power was threatened by a conflict with Russia; and, thirdly, that if Japan was to retain her status after the postulated conflict, it was necessary that Great Britain should come to her assistance. We foresaw such a contingency when the first announcement of the Anglo-Japanese Treaty of Alliance was made. The fears expressed at that time that Japan would eventually drag Great Britain into hostilities are likely to be realised, unless Russia, at the last moment, yields to the demands of the Japanese Government. It is unlikely that the British Government will seek to escape from their responsibilities; on the contrary, there seems to be every intention on the part of the British Government, who, apparently, have the Press and the people with them, to support Japan to the uttermost extent, although we have seen it stated in some quarters that Great Britain will shelter behind the terms of the Treaty, which seem to imply that her assistance cannot be requisitioned unless Japan is threatened by two or more Powers. The terms of the Treaty have been discussed in a letter to the *Standard* by Mr T. Gibson Bowles, M.P. He points out that the Treaty was directed to the maintenance of the independence and territorial integrity of China and Korea. At the time, the British Government stated that the word 'China' was intended to include Manchuria. Great Britain is pledged by Article 2 of the Treaty, in the event of Japan becoming involved in war with another Power, to 'maintain a strict neutrality, and use its endeavours to prevent other Powers from joining in hostilities against her Ally.' Mr Bowles writes: 'Some have affected to believe that this Article pledges Great Britain to remain neutral so long as Japan is at war with one Power alone; but this is manifestly not the meaning of the Article, and that interpretation of it has been expressly repudiated by His Majesty's Government. In Article 3, Great Britain is pledged to go to Japan's assistance and engage in war in common with her and to make

peace in mutual agreement with her in the event of any other Power or Powers joining in hostilities against her. Having pointed out the responsibilities of the British Government, Mr Bowles asks: 'Is Great Britain prepared to fulfil her obligation?' He writes: 'Our Naval Authorities have, it is understood, a great and well-deserved confidence in the Japanese Navy, its ships, its guns, and, above all, its men and officers. Whether that confidence is, or should be, such as to make us feel certain that the Japanese Navy could meet and defeat the very formidable Russian Naval forces now in the Far Eastern waters, I will not presume to say. Such a certainty, I confess, I cannot myself feel. But if now, within the next few weeks, a Naval engagement should result in a serious defeat for Japan, should we, could we, stand by and see our ally crushed? That seems impossible to suppose. But, if not, should we wait till the defeat was inflicted, and the crushing thereby, perhaps, rendered inevitable? In that case, the major part, perhaps the whole, of the Naval value of our Alliance would be gone, and we should have to play our part under deadly disadvantages, instead of with the advantages the Alliance was intended 'to provide.' The tendency of his letter is that Great Britain should not stand by and watch the progress of hostilities, but should at once range herself alongside Japan, and, by throwing her weight of prestige and material into the scale, make victory assured for the Allied Forces. If that is not done, he foresees the possibility of our Ally being defeated.

What Mr Bowles writes was said in Hongkong and London months ago. The final step is undoubtedly a serious one, but if the Alliance is to be effective, and if Japan is encouraged by Great Britain to contest Russia's aggression—as she seems to have been—then the logical outcome of the Treaty is an Anglo-Japanese coalition for hostile purposes against Russia. It is not merely a defensive alliance. As we pointed out on a previous occasion, a crippled Japan without a Navy is absolutely useless to Great Britain as a factor in the maintenance of the balance of power in the Far East. It is Britain's interest to prevent the crippling of Japan, by maintaining her as an effective fighting force. If this is announced by the British Government, and is clearly understood by the Russian Government, it is doubtful whether the Czar's advisers will advocate war. The next move must be made by Russia. If she bows to the inevitable and fulfils the Treaty, no greater harm will be done than has been caused by the disturbance of Far Eastern trade and useless expenditure on war preparations in Japan and Russia. On the other hand, if Russia's reply is not an acceptance of Japan's terms, then war is inevitable; and Japan's future will depend on Great Britain's interpretation of the Treaty of Alliance.

**Motorological**  
During the month of January, the rainfall recorded at Kowloon Observatory was 0.120 in. The prevailing wind was E. The highest temperature, 74.9, was reported on the 14th ult. and the lowest, 44.9, on the 20th, the mean being 59.1.

**Alice Memorial Hospital.**  
The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherdale Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—  
Foreign Goods Dealers' Guild ... 50  
Baptist Mission Chapel ... 20

**The New Governor.**  
It is now stated that Sir Matthew Nathan, the Governor-designate of Hongkong, does not intend to land here till September next. While we shall all be ready to welcome Sir Matthew when he comes, the community is well satisfied with the present occupants of Government House.

**The Suez Canal.**  
The Suez Canal Company is stated to be contemplating lighting the Suez Canal banks with electricity from Port Said to Suez. The Gas Company of Port Said will light the lamps from Port Said to Kantarah. Thence to El Amik, the work will be undertaken by the Lamalla Gas Company, and from El Amik to Suez by the Suez Gas Company.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

## Notes by the Way.

The German Mail of the 8th January was delivered in London on the 5th Feb.

The names of Mr A. E. Griffin and Mr Donald Macdonald have been added to the local list of authorised architects.

Hongkong has acceded to the International Sanitary Convention signed at Venice on the 19th March, 1897.

His Majesty's Exchequer has been issued to Dr Frederick Krüger, who has succeeded Dr Gumprecht as German Consul in Hongkong.

Wednesday, the 17th inst., (the day after Chinese New Year's Day) is declared a public holiday. It will be no holiday at the Magistracy.

Queen Alexandra has again contributed to the funds of the Salvation Army, and both the Queen of Holland and the Queen Mother have just given contributions to the work of the Army in the Netherlands.

## Hongkong Christian Union.

The usual Devotional Meeting will be held on Monday evening, at 5.15, in the room of the Union, Beaconsfield Arcade, and will be conducted by Mr J. Dyer Ball. All are cordially invited.

## The Silver Market.

The *Standard* stated a month ago that the Hongkong and Shanghai, Specie, and other banks at Shanghai were reported to have commenced buying in silver in anticipation that if it broke out there would be a great run on silver dollars.

## Dowie and Hongkong.

Dr Dowie has started from Chicago for a tour round the world. He was to sail from San Francisco on 21st ult., and is due in London in June. He may be expected in Hongkong to give the local believers in 'faith-healing' a little help.

## Special Meeting in City Hall.

A most impressive Meeting was held last evening when the Rev. J. H. France delivered an address to an audience made up almost entirely of men. This evening, at six o'clock, the Rev. T. W. Pearce will preside, while to-morrow, the last of the series, will be held at eight p.m., when the Rev. W. J. Southam will speak. All are heartily invited to be present.

## Sub-Editors' Difficulties.

It is quite evident that the London sub-editor is already in difficulties over Japanese, Korean, and Chinese place-names, and some fearful and wonderful combinations may be looked for if it breaks out. According to the *Nagasaki Press* the London *Daily News* announced recently that Japan had chartered the three steamers *Nippon*, *Yusen*, and *Kanaka*. The Editor expects that the *Mitsu* and *Bishi* will shortly be added to the list.

## Hockey.

H.M.S. *Albatross* defeated the Hongkong Hockey Club by one goal to nil yesterday afternoon. The only goal of the match was scored by Conde-Williams in the first half. The teams were:—H.K.H.C.: Woodman, goal; Murphy and Gibson, backs; Clater, Horley and Hardy, halves; Hopner, Stevens, Wodehouse, Dartnell and Dowling, forwards. *Albatross*: Boxer, goal; Doyle and Webster, backs; Raymond, Salkeld and Halabin, halves; Warren, Conde-Williams, McHardy, Royle and Blackman, forwards.

## Bank Notes in Circulation.

The following returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during January, are certified by the managers of the respective Banks.

Banks.	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	8	8
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	3,238,168	2,600,000
National Bank of China, Limited	13,338,796	8,000,000
	425,653	150,600
Total	817,010,557	10,150,600

## Fire in a Medicine Shop.

About 9 o'clock last night, a fire was reported to have broken out in Bonham Strand. The Brigade, under Mr E. R. Hallifax, turned out, and the fire was found to be in No. 72 Bonham Strand, a medicine shop, occupied by the Lee Leung Wong Hong. The building was well alight on the top floors when the brigade arrived, and soon spread to No. 74, used as a dwelling house. The hoses were directed on the flames from Jervois Street, from the fire escape, and from Bonham Strand. About an hour after the outbreak, the flames were subdued. The two buildings were almost completely gutted. As usual, want of water hampered the efforts of the firemen, and only a small supply was available when the hoses were first attached to the hydrants; after a while the supply increased. The damage done is estimated at about \$60,000; the buildings and stock are covered by Messrs Siemens and Co., Ping On, Chun On, and Tung On Insurance Companies for \$75,000.

If women looked like some fashion plates the men would commit suicide.

## TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL'S EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]  
SUPPLIED BY REUTERS, VIA DOMDAY.

## THE 'CORNER' IN COTTON.

WILD EXCITEMENT IN NEW YORK.

Cotton Price Down.

LONDON, February 5.

Wild scenes occurred at the New York Cotton Market after violent fluctuations in the price of cotton.

The Closing price was a hundred points lower.

## THE THIBET MISSION.

NO ANNEXATION.

LONDON, February 5.

The Right Hon. W. St. J. F. Brodrick, Secretary of State for India, stated that the object of the Thibetan Mission was not to annex any portion of the country.

The official Bluebook, which has been issued, contains correspondence with Russia on the question of Thibet.

## DAMARALAND.

THE GERMAN TROOPS SUCCESSFUL.

The Casualty List.

LONDON, February 5.

The Towns of Windhoek and Okahandama in Damaraland, where the natives had risen against the German settlers, have been relieved. The enemy retreated before the advance of the German troops, who were thus able to relieve the two towns without serious fighting and without suffering any loss.

The number of Germans killed up to the present in actual fighting is twenty-six, but forty-four settlers have been murdered.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

## GALES AND FLOODS IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, February 4.

A tidal wave, accompanied by a gale, has swept both coasts of the Channel and caused enormous damage at Plymouth, Portsmouth and Hastings. The quarters of London adjacent to the Thames are flooded. An earthquake has occurred at Jersey. Large tracts in England are submerged, especially in the Thames Valley, the result of incessant rains.

## RUSSIAN WAR SHIPS FOR THE FAR EAST.

The Russian battleship *Ostrovny*, the transport *Suvoroff* and three destroyers have left Suez for the Far East.

## PARLIAMENT.—RUSSIA IN MANCHURIA.

In the House of Commons, Earl Percy said that frequent representations had been made to Russia regarding the delay in evacuating Manchuria and also regarding the substitution of a Russian nominee for a member of the Maritime Customs at Newchwang.

## Mr Shewen and Free Trade.

In the *Standard* of the 4th ult., there is a letter signed 'Robt. Shewen' dealing with the tin-plate industry, and making comparisons between the United States and Great Britain. The letter is directed against Mr Chamberlain's proposals. Presumably the letter is written by Mr Robert Shewen, of Messrs Shewen, Tomes and Co.

## Registration of Domestic Servants.

The *Singapore Free Press* says:—The question of registration of domestic servants has come up in a practical way at Hongkong by a petition from Hongkong ladies, asking for registration. The *Standard* in this Colony in 1898, ending in the repeal of a local Ordinance, was due to the fact that registration was only compulsory on a change of employment. Result, resistance and boycott of employers who were loyal to the Ordinance, a few prosecutions, soon dropped, and the repeal of a measure that was too foolish ever to have been put on the Statute Book. We had the pleasure of telling the Government our opinion, but not knowing enough to know better, they did it and then undid it, a pretty spectacle for the cook-hoop Hylam. Universal compulsory registration is the only plan. It works well enough elsewhere, but a molasses backbone needs a lot of stiffening before it can tackle a job of ordinary work.

## Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

COSENS the cough, relieves the lungs, and opens the secretions. It counteracts any tendency of a bad cold to result in pneumonia. It is unequalled for bad colds. The time to cure it is when it is merely a 'bad cold.' Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is highly recommended by the leading physicians for this malady. It always cures, and cures quickly. For sale by all chemists and medicine vendors; WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The following is the twenty-seventh report of the Court of Directors to the ordinary half-yearly general meeting of Shareholders to be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 20th inst., at noon:—

Gentlemen.—The Directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Bank, and balance sheet for the half-year ending 31st December, 1903.

The net profits for that period, including \$1,435,683.17, balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, including interest paid and due, and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts, amount to \$3,771,886.08.

The Directors recommend the transfer of \$500,000 from the profit and loss account to credit of the silver reserve fund, which fund will then stand at \$6,500,000.

After making this transfer and deducting remuneration to directors there remains for appropriation \$3,238,886.08, out of which the Directors recommend the payment of a dividend of one pound and ten shillings sterling per share, which at 4/6 will absorb \$333,333.33, and a bonus of ten shillings sterling per share, which at 4/6 will absorb \$177,777.78.

The difference in exchange between 4/6, the rate at which the dividend and bonus are declared, and 1/8, the rate of the day, amount to \$1,128,408.89.

The balance \$1,417,386.08 to be carried to new profit and loss account.

Directors.—Mr A. J. Raymond has been elected chairman for the year 1904 and Mr H. E. Tomkins Deputy Chairman. The Honorable R. Shewan resigned his seat on leaving the Colony. Mr C. A. Tomes has been invited to fill the vacancy; the appointment requires confirmation at this meeting. Mr E. Goetz and the Honorable C. W. Dickson retire in rotation, but being eligible for re-election offer themselves accordingly.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Mr W. Hutton Potts and Mr A. G. Wood, the latter acting for Honorable C. Sharp who is absent from the Colony. Honorable C. S. Sharp, who is shortly returning to the Colony, and Mr W. Hutton Potts offer themselves for re-election.

A. J. RAYMOND, Chairman.

Hongkong, 2nd Feb., 1904.

## HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

Annual Meeting.

The twentieth ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited, was held to-day, at the offices of the Company, 14 Des Voeux Road, at 11 a.m.

Mr C. A. Tomes was in the chair, and there were present:—Messrs A. J. Raymond, D. E. Brown, J. H. Lewis, G. H. Potts, G. W. F. Playfair, Dr Noble, A. Baskington, E. Haskell and R. Henderson, Secretary.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting, and the Chairman said:—Gentlemen:—I propose to adopt the usual course and omit the reading of the report which has been before you several days. The result of the year's working approximates that of last year. We declare the usual dividend (the same as we have paid for three years), and the allowance for depreciation, the transfer to reserve, and the carry forward are all very much as before. This has been accomplished by our having made a larger turn-over. We regret that the cost of the raw material has been maintained at the late high level; in fact, we have bought dearer than this year than ever before, and the margin between it and the selling price of rope has narrowed again. Our percentage of profit is therefore smaller, but it makes competition with us more difficult for the Japanese and other manufacturers. The output of hemp in the Philippines last year was the largest on record, over one million bales, but the consumption seems to keep pace well with this increased production. There has been no notable change in our business, the steady demand for rope for shipping uses having continued. We have made fewer special ropes for oil boring than before, but the enquiry for them never reached important figures. Steady fall of oil is noted in the consumption of bales being in the North, and this is accounted for by consumers finding it on bands more suited to their purpose and by a decreased export of hides and similar merchandise. The Philippine Tariff Bill, exempting hemp shipped by direct bottoms to the United States from export duty, has not affected our business to any appreciable extent. It has enabled California manufacturers to enter the Australian market and so increased competition there, but our share of that trade is not of great importance. The British and some of the Continental Governments have entered protests at Washington against that particular piece of legislation, as contrary to the declared 'open door' policy of the United States in regard to the Philippines. We are sceptical, however, of any useful issue of this protest, unless the bill can be proved to be a violation of treaty. A mere appeal for consistency I fear will not be enough to force a repeal of the law in these days of so much popular discussion of closed doors and retaliation. The ostensible object of the bill was to promote Philippine trade and to benefit the American farmer. I venture to say nothing has been gained towards these ends, although consumption, it is true, has increased, but the American rope industry has been able in 1903 to get its supply of hemp for half a million dollars gold less than it would otherwise have done and this at the expense of the nation generally. The factory and its machinery have been kept in a thoroughly efficient state, and we anticipate no call in the immediate future for expenditure on increased plant. The machinery was in operation last year only 223 days out of the 300 odd working days, so we have some room for expansion or to meet increased calls for our manufacture. There being no questions, the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr Playfair seconded, and the motion was carried.

Mr Potts proposed, and Dr Noble seconded, the re-election of Messrs A. J. Raymond, D. E. Brown, and J. H. Lewis to the Consulting Committee, which was carried.

On the motion of Mr Lewis, seconded by Mr Brown, Messrs T. H. Gold and W. H. Potts were re-elected auditors.

The Chairman—Dividend warrants will be ready this afternoon. That is all the business; thank you for your attendance.



HONGKONG, CANTON AND  
MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

## Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited, was held to-day at the Company's offices, Wyndham Street, at noon.

The Hon. C. W. Dickson was in the chair, and there were present: Messrs N. A. Siebs, E. Goetz, H. E. Tomkins, A. Haupt, E. R. Fuhrmann, C. A. Tomes, F. A. Gones, H. Schubart (Directors). Thos. Arnold (Secretary), J. R. Michael, J. Arnold, R. C. Wilcox, J. Noble, Captain Clarke, E. J. Moses, W. G. Winterburn, G. T. Veitch, T. S. Eggeert and J. Barton.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting, and the Chairman said:—

Gentlemen, I propose that as usual the Report and Accounts be taken as read. Your Directors regret to have to come before you with such poor results that they have been in the habit of presenting to you of late years. The cause of this heavy falling off in our profits is already well known to you. Constantly increasing

opposition on all the lines of our trade has obliged us to enter into many directions to an untimely point, and a new feature of the trade with which we now have to contend is the competition of subsidized and country-boat foreign steamers. Fortunately, our equalization fund set aside for the purpose enables us, for a time at least, to maintain our usual dividend.

The principle of imposing disabilities on foreign shipping, corresponding to the support they receive from their governments in the shape of subsidies, is in accordance with the policy now being so ably advocated by Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, and we can only hope the day is not far distant when that principle will be applied in this Colony where British trade is struggling against such unfair competition (hear, hear).

The new steamer "Kinsai" has been running for some months and has proved herself to be well suited to the trade. The trip daily service to and from Canton has not yet been so successful from a financial point of view as we could wish, but our experience in the past has been, that it generally takes a year or two for an enterprise to make a trade for itself, and we consequently anticipate that, as time goes on, the outfit on this first coast will be justified by an increased volume of business.

The new steamer for the West River trade has been launched, and, it is expected, will be ready for service in two or three months. In addition to this boat, the Company has on joint account with the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company and the China Navigation Company acquired a steamship specially designed for the West River trade, which was imported in pieces and is now being put together in the Colony. It is in contemplation to resume the direct trade between this Colony and the West River as soon as these two craft are completed.

The accounts cover the usual items of receipts and expenditure. You will observe that the interest earned on investments is some \$5,000 less than it was the previous half-year; this is partially owing to the withdrawal of funds from investment for building purposes, but principally, to the larger amount received for annual as well as half-yearly dividends.

The usual practice of carrying a portion of these over to the second half-year having been inadvertently departed from. I think the other items explain themselves sufficiently, and unless further information be desired I will propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

There being no questions, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Wilcox—I cannot on this occasion repeat the somewhat stereotyped phrase that I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts of account. I do so as a duty, with regrets that circumstances have been so adverse and results so meagre, comparatively speaking. The remarks made by the Chairman as to the new subsidised competition we have now to meet will, I am sure, be endorsed, not only by the shareholders in this Company, but by all those interested in Colonial shipping. This Company is accustomed to competition, and has accepted it as a matter of course. The river was open to all, and the competition was, until quite recently, on equal terms. Within the past few years, however, the shadow of coming events was visible in the form of a small subsidy given to certain Chinese craft flying the French flag. Now we have steamers on the river running home built in France, and receiving a subsidy which practically enables them to compete with us on equal terms. We do not ask for any advantages for this Company's steamers; we should not get a subsidy if we did ask for it; but it seems to me that we have a right to stipulate that competitors who come here to fight for a share of our trade should, at least, be asked to strip off their coat of mail before being allowed to enter the lists (applause). With these remarks I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts.

The motion was carried.

On the proposal of Dr. Noble, seconded by Mr. Michael, the appointment of Mr. T. A. Tomes to the Directorate was confirmed.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Veitch seconded the resolution of Messrs A. O'D. Gourdin and W. H. Potts as auditors, which was carried.

Mr. Wilcox—If I am in order I should like to propose the following resolution:—

"That copies of the minutes of this meeting be forwarded to the Colonial Secretary with the request that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government will be pleased to transmit the same to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with such representations thereon as he may think fit to offer."

I think that this is advisable in order to give due effect to the remarks that have been made with regard to subsidies.

Mr. Michael seconded the proposal, which was carried.

The Chairman—That is all the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday. Thank you for your attendance.

Mr. J. H. Stewart Lockhart.

We understand that Mr. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Commissioner of Weihaiwei, accompanied by Mrs. Lockhart, now in Shanghai, intend to pay a visit to Hongkong. It may be, however, that the outbreak of hostilities up north may compel the Commissioner to return to his post, which becomes a highly important and interesting one, and will be still more interesting if Great Britain participated in the fighting. Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart will be heartily welcomed by their numerous friends.

## THE WAR CLOUD.

## THE BRITISH SHIPS.

We notice that H.M.S. Centurion (battleship) has left her moorings in the man-of-war anchorage, and that H.M.S. Glory (battleship), at present in the hands of the Dock Company, has taken up an anchorage in Hungnam Bay. The policy of entrusting the refit of this battleship to the Dock Company has proved to be a sound one and exceedingly economical in point of time.

The refit will be completed some months earlier than is customary in the naval dockyards. At the present crisis, this testimony of the efficiency of the Dock Company's staff is doubly valuable. The King Alfred, with the Glory's new crew, is now due.

It is reported that H.M.S. Ocean and Vanguard (battleships) go round to Mirs Bay to-morrow or on Monday, and that the ships are also to be sent there.

Japan Controls the Cables.

Mr. Olaf Nielsen, local superintendent of the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Ltd., circulated the following "Express" to-day:—

TELEGRAMS TO AND FROM JAPAN AND CORREA.

The Imperial Japanese Telegraph Administration notifies that private telegrams emanating from Japan and Corea will only be accepted when written in clear Japanese, English or French. Special exception is made as regards private telegrams handed in at Tokyo, Yokohama and Kobe, which may be accepted in secret language (Code) against production of the Code Vocabulary.

Telegrams to Japan and Corea are not subject to any restriction, but can only be accepted at wireless risk.

THE CHINA SQUADRON.

Proposed Reinforcements.

The Portsmouth Correspondent of The Standard says that in view of the unsettled state of affairs in the Far East the Admiralty have deemed it advisable to take action to strengthen, if necessary, the China Fleet, under the command of Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge. In the first instance, it is reported, three battle-ships and a cruiser will be detached from the Mediterranean Squadron and proceed to China, and inquiries have been made at Portsmouth and the other dockyards as to the men-of-war which would be available at short notice for service in the Mediterranean.

Between two and three thousand blue-jackets who went from the Portsmouth Naval Barracks on Christmas leave returned yesterday, and Captain Logan, who has succeeded Captain Barry in command there, has a fine body of men from whom to draft crews for any ships that may be put in commission. The King Alfred, Captain H. G. King Hall, first-class cruiser, which was to have left Portsmouth on 31st Dec. with mail crew for the China station, was detained at Spithead owing to a slight mishap having occurred during her commissioning trial. A bolt having become detached, the trial could not be completed, and on her return to her anchorage workmen were despatched from Portsmouth Dockyard to make good the defect. The trial was resumed on the 1st ult. and the King Alfred sailed that night for Hongkong. In the event of an outbreak of hostilities between Russia and Japan, this fine cruiser will, it is believed, remain on the China Station.

Italian Reinforcements.

In connection with the crisis in the Far East, the Italian Minister of Marine has ordered the warships *Masca Polo*, *Dandolo*, and *Umbria* to be in readiness to leave for the Pacific, where there are already the *Vesper*, *Piemonte*, and *Elia*.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG v. THE NAVY.

The Hongkong Cricket Club met a Naval team on the Cricket Ground to-day. The Club won the toss and batted first.

The following were the scores at 4 o'clock:—

HONGKONG—1st INNINGS.

W. C. D. Turner, 5 and 6 Horsey ... 43  
H. Hancock, 6 and 1 Harris ... 37  
J. T. Dixon, 6 and 1 Horsey ... 63  
Lieut. Heath, 6 and 1 Harris ... 63  
T. S. Smith, not out ... 28  
Lieut. Doran, 6 and 1 Harris ... 5  
A. G. Ward, not out ... 1  
Sundries ... 1  
(Innings declared closed) ... 234  
6 wickets for ... 234

THE NAVY.

Lieut. Garde, not out ... 18  
Mr Campbell, not out ... 4  
Sundries ... 0  
No wickets for ... 22

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

HONGKONG.

Garner ... 6 1 38 0  
Gibson ... 2 0 13 0  
Horsey ... 14 3 51 2  
Harris ... 13 1 62 3  
Pemberton ... 4 0 20 0  
Campbell ... 4 0 16 0  
Tament ... 3 0 33 0

The *Figaro* states that it has been definitely decided that King Alfonso of Spain will visit the French and Austrian Capitals during the coming Summer.

Scene in a Calcutta Court.

A notorious Persian criminal under trial for various offences assaulted Mr. Weston, the Chief Presidency Magistrate at Calcutta, on the 20th ult., by throwing an enameled drinking glass which struck the magistrate on the shoulder. The prisoner was immediately manacled.

## THE EXPLOSION ON H.M.S.

## 'WALLAROO.'

Details of the Disaster.

Sydney, January 7.—The city was startled to-day by news of an awful catastrophe that occurred on H.M.S. Wallaroo, in Jervis Bay. The information was to the effect that a boiler of the warship had burst, and that forty-three men had been killed.

There is, however, good reason to believe that the signals from the Wallaroo to the light-house-keeper on the coast have been misread. A similar accident occurred aboard H.M.S. Thunderer in the British Channel about 25 years ago, when more than 60 men were killed. Just before the Wallaroo was re-commissioned, her boilers were thoroughly inspected, overhauled, and repaired, and were subjected to the customary service trials, with, it is said, highly satisfactory results.

VENUE: 'ABSOLUTELY WORN OUT AND WORTHLESS.'

It is said that all the vessels of the *Pallas* class (to which the Wallaroo belongs) were in a very unsatisfactory condition. About 18 months ago, the chief engineer of one of these vessels (last week on the station) expressed his opinion. The plates of the boilers were, he declared, so bad that in almost any of the ships it was possible to pierce some portion of the boilers by means of a penknife. Constant patching, he said, was necessary to keep the boilers in working condition, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that steam could be kept for anything like half the indicated horse-power. It has only been by great perseverance and skill on the part of the engineers that the ships of this class have been able to perform the work required of them. The opinion is very widely held in naval circles that the whole of the vessels of the *Pallas* class are absolutely worn out and worthless.

A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE.

January 8.—The first news was, happily, exaggerated. There are four men injured, but they are likely to recover, and four dead.

Albert Dorren, one of the stokers on watch, in the course of a statement to a Press representative, said: "I was in the act of firing when we felt an inrush of steam, accompanied by a mild explosion, like a rumbling noise. Steam made its appearance through the cracks between the boilers, and we were at once enveloped. I could feel hot water under our feet. I buried my head in my hands, and crept into one of the bunkers, about ten yards away, and remained there a few seconds until the great volume of steam had passed away. Then, with difficulty, I crept out to look for my mates. The water from the boilers, by this time, was four feet on the plates all around. I noticed that four of the firemen, who had been working in the stoke-hole with me, had been able to take refuge in the bunkers and other places for safety. I managed to make my way to the fore-stokehole, and there a very different scene met my eyes. Right in the thick of the trouble I saw four men on the plates, about in water, and almost paralysed. They presented a horrible sight. Two others were struggling to rest their feet on anything that they could find out of the water. One of the men—I don't know who he was—spoke to me, and asked if I was hurt. I believe he was dead, but he was so disfigured that I could not say for certain. He was dead. Moore was found dead on the plates. Three out of the four boilers were working. The boiler that caused the trouble was No. 2, in the foremost stokehole. So far as I could see, the crown of the combustion chamber fell in, forcing the water from the boiler into the furnace. This drove steam into all the stokeholes, and men killed by what results. I believe that the chief stoker was struck with an ashpit, and was thus pinned against the boiler-head.

THE CAPTAIN'S VIEWS.

Capt. J. H. Hewitt explained that the top of the combustion chamber had come down. The cause of that was—at least, he supposed the cause to be—that the stays had given way. If a boiler had burst, as had been reported, the decks would have been torn up and other boilers unseated. Under such conditions it would have been impossible for the vessel to have made her way back to Sydney. The whole affair would be thoroughly gone into at an official inquiry.

A LIEUTENANT'S ACCOUNT.

Lieut. Young said: "The explosion occurred about fifty miles to the southward of Cape Howe, and thirty miles from the Victorian coast. There was nothing that you would call serious in the explosion, so far as the noise was concerned; but the rush of steam was tremendous. It rose in dense volumes, and quickly obscured everything on the fore side of the ship. An immediate attempt was made to get below, but this was a dangerous task, as the steam was scalding, and a couple of feet of boiling water was washing about on the stokehole plates. However, some men found Moore's body washing about in hot water. The body was in a fearful state. The rush of steam was from the forward boiler on the port side. In that stokehole there had been four stokers, but whether or not these were the four that were killed we cannot definitely say. I presume that the other men were in the other stokeholes, and that the steam got to them before they could get away, or that they endeavoured to get through it to the fore side. It came up stone-blind and scalded dreadfully. How it ever got to be a mystery. On reaching the upper deck he fell down at once in deadly agony. He died at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The others died later. Three minutes after the explosion, the ship was stopped to estimate the damage and inspect the machinery. Hall, the chief stoker, had been right in front of the furnace, and he got the full force of the rush of steam right in the face. Landow escaped by getting up through one of the emergency escapes from the stokehole. Kimber dashed up, screaming from the gain of his injuries. He was buried about the arm, face, and legs, as in fact all of them were. Most of those who escaped avoided did so by getting up through the engine-room hatchways. The outer plates of the boiler have not been started at all, but I understand that the inner lining or combustion chamber has crumpled right in the damage was confined to the boiler, and its immediate vicinity. The funeral of the four victims took place at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at sea, a little to the southward of Jervis Bay.

It was found, on an examination of the boiler on the port side forward, that the combustion chamber had buckled right in the middle of the furnace, and that the whole of the boiler plates about 74 in number—had been torn out of position. The damage did not extend beyond the stokehole.

The wounded were sent in the ship's barge to the quarantine wharf in Woolloomooloo Bay, and transferred to the ambulances, in which they were conveyed to St. Vincent's Hospital.

## THE MINUTEPERATION OF THE SIGNALS

## THAT WERE MADE BY THE WALLAROO

to Montague Island (when it was made to appear that 45 men were killed instead of four men killed and three wounded) doubtless arose from the form of the code. It appears that the latter, that was used to designate 'boiler burst' carried the further meaning that the next succeeding signal would mean the number of the killed, and the next after that would be the number of the wounded. After the signal indicating 'boiler burst' had been sent up the numbers '4' and '3' were signalled denoting that four men had been killed and three wounded.

THE CASUALTY ROLL.

The following is a list of the killed and wounded:—

Killed.—E. Ellis, stoker, single; Frank Moore, stoker, married; Wilfred Cleat, stoker, single; and Geo. Hall, stoker.

Injured.—Walter J. Sandow, stoker, single; Thos. Peaty, stoker, married; Benjamin J. Atkins, stoker, single; and Jno. Kimber, stoker.—*Australian paper.*

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

H.M.S. 'CREW' v. R.E.

H.M.S. Crew defeated the Royal Engineers by twelve goals to nil on Friday afternoon at Happy Valley. The scores were: Townsend (4), McCoy (4), Mills (2), Hills (1), Macdonald (1). As can be judged by the score the game was very unexciting.

The teams were:—Crew: Todd, goal; McDonald, and Briggs, backs; Martin, Smith and Noyse, halves; Jackson, Hill, McCoy, Mills, and Townsend, forwards; R. E. Crew: goal; Perkins; and Jones, backs; Steadman, Ross and Turner, halves; Spiers, Hills, Nettleton, Hathaway and Bell, forwards. Sgt. Corbett, referee.

H.M.S. 'TAMAR' v. H.M.S. 'ALBION.'

H.M.S. Albion defeated H.M.S. Tamar by two goals to nil yesterday afternoon. The teams were:—

Albion: Barr, goal; Kerr and Oliver, backs; Holmes, Harcourt and Spencer, halves; Foreman, Ball, Williams, Wallace and McInnis, forwards.

Tamar: Shirrett, goal; Armistead and Boffey, backs; Best, Frost and E. Cox, halves; Pollard, Robinson, Voe, Jeffrey and Heffernan, forwards. Referee: Sgt. Corbett.

Ball and Foreman were the scorers, and the game was of an interesting nature. The Albion team played with combination, and their opponents also played a good game.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

H.K.F.C. v. THE NAVY.

The Hongkong Football Club defeated a Naval team by eight points to nil yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley. The teams were:—

Hongkong: Full-back, P. H. Croft; Three-quarters, W. R. Robertson, J. P. Jordan, T. E. Pearce and K. A. Schanders; Halves, A. G. M. Fletcher and A. B. de Voe; Forwards, H. C. Sandford, Strover, E. R. Hallifax, C. Boyd, H. E. Rogers, Lieuts. Rogers and Richards, and H. F. Croft.

Navy: Full-back, Corsar; Three-quarters, Chambers, Lewis, McLeod and Blackwood; Halves, Child and Raymond; Forwards, Hughes, Gordon, Wills, Campbell, Burt, Eldridge, Mitford and Jernam. Mr. McDonald was referee.

Gordon kicked off for the Navy. Sandford returning. The Navy at once attacked, and Corsar kicked the ball behind the posts. The Navy were getting the ball from the scrumming, but faulty passing nullified their advantage. De Voe sent a short pass to Pearce, who made a fine opening and transferred to Jordan when inside the Naval twenty-five, Jordan passed to Schanders who was intercepted by Corsar, but he lost the ball, which rolled across the line. Sandford threw himself on it, and scored; Pearce failed at goal (8-0). After loose play in the centre a dribble was commenced by Gordon, but Crofton kicked out. Pearce made an attempt at goal, but failed, Corsar touching down. A dribble from halfway by two Navy men seemed likely to score, as Crofton failed to stop them, then Jordan fumbled, and the two men had no opponents in front of them. Sandford, however, saved by picking up. A minute later a Naval three-quarter kicked, followed on, humped Sandford aside, and dashed for the line with the ball at his toe. He kicked too hard, and the ball was in touch. No further action was added before half-time.

After the interval loose play ensued in the Club's territory, until Pearce received the ball from the scrumming. With only Corsar to pass, he hesitated, and essayed a drop at goal, which, however, was unsuccessful. The ball was touched down. Robertson had a fine opening, but he was intercepted by Corsar. The latter played out in a fine run through the Club's men, but finally lost the ball. A dribble by the Navy carried the ball over the line, but De Voe touched down. Jordan intercepted a pass near halfway, and sped for the line. Corsar stood in his path, and Jordan passed. Pearce, however, was in the line, and the ball was passed back to Jordan. Jordan scored and converted the try (8-0). No further scoring took place.

The Club's in the forward division were inferior to their opponents, especially in the first half; in the second half they held them better. The halves and forwards played well together. Robertson was a fine player, but he was full-back, was not a success.

The Navy lost countless chances by faulty passes. They had the opportunities, but failed to take advantage of them. Corsar played a very fine game.

An Important Notification.

Mr. Basil Taylor, Acting Harbour Master, notifies prohibition of the use of Long Harbour and Jones Cove in Mirs Bay by any other vessel than H.M. ships of war, unless further notice, and appoints a naval officer Deputy Harbour Master. We presume these portions of Mirs Bay are being used for naval gunnery practice.

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## THE TURF.

## Fair Times Made.

At the racetrack this morning the work done by most of the ponies was of a good nature. Narawa was not round, followed by two mafios, but his display was again very disappointing. He was in a very bad mood, and had to be taken off without doing anything in the way of galloping. Times are as follow:—

Prize covered 11 miles, the last two quarters being timed at 31, 1.05. Havers ran half-mile—1.05, the first quarter taking 33, 1.05.

Bennett put up good time for 1/2 of a mile, viz—1.28. The quarters were timed at 30, 1.01, 1.28.

Ca. Canny dashed Ben Roy over three quarters in 1.07, 1.43, the times of which were 34, 1.08, 1.41.

Too Tum's times for the same distance were 37, 1.10, 1.42.

Fiscal covered six furlongs in 1.43, the quarters being run in 38, 1.12, 1.43. Hiron ran a mile, the last three-quarters taking 35, 1.10, 1.43.

School Girl made good time for the mile, the quarters being timed as 31, 1.02, 1.38, 2.04.

Dormouse's times for the mile in quarters were 34, 1.09, 1.43, 2.17.

Discovery beat Daybreak in a mile gallop, the quarters being 34, 1.08, 1.45, 2.17. Doris Canny ran the mile in 2.19, the quarters being 33, 1.08, 1.43, 2.10.

Lumberer's times for the same distance were 39, 1.10, 1.46, 2.20.

Spero was 21/2 secs. slower, the quarters being 40, 1.20, 1.56, 2.29.

Cheal made fast time for the mile and a quarter, viz—1.47, 2.45, 2.15, 2.45. Ramsey Girl's performance was equally good, the quarters being 36, 1.10, 1.44, 2.16, 2.45.

Color ran 11 miles in 2.52; the quarters being run in 37, 1.13, 1.49, 2.16, 2.52. The Crow over the same distance took 2.53, the quarters being: 35, 1.09, 1.43, 2.17, 2.53.

Coronet Rose was two seconds slower, the quarters being 40, 1.13, 1.50, 2.23, 2.55. Vancouver galloped 11 miles, the last five quarters being timed as 39, 1.14, 1.50, 2.25, 2.57.

Zuffall's mile and a quarter was run in 2.59, the quarters taking 36, 1.10, 1.50, 2.29, 2.59.

Alma's quarters in 11 miles were timed at 37, 1.13, 1.50, 2.28, 3.01, while Sylph Rose was credited with a mile and a quarter in 3.02, the quarters being 39, 1.18, 1.55, 2.29, 3.02.

Algerie covered the mile and a half in 3.30, the final quarter being run in 35 secs. Rocket's time for the same distance was 3.24, the quarters being 37, 1.12, 1.47, 2.23, 2.59, 3.32.

Aladdin's mile and a half was run in 3.30, the quarters taking 37, 1.12, 1.46, 2.20, 2.57, 3.30.

Quebec was 14 secs. slower, the quarters being run in 38, 1.13, 1.42, 2.21, 2.57, 3.31.

La Franco Rose made a fine gallop for 11 miles, the full times being 40, 1.15, 1.48, 2.23, 2.57, 3.29.

Rebel King for the same distance took 3.30, 4.0, 1.15, 1.52, 2.28, 3.03, 3.30, being quarters.

Pandur's times for the 11 miles were 40, 1.16, 1.51, 2.27, 3.03, 3.37, and Starling's were 45, 1.21, 1.56, 2.30, 2.59, 3.39.

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